

Minutes of the regular meeting and work session of the City of Winslow Arts Council held on September 1, 2016 at 4:30p.m. at City Hall, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sarah Smithson
Sam Connor
Cheri Russell
Todd Roth

MEMBERS ABSENT

Randy Barton
Christa Knox
Sarah Smithson

STAFF

Roberta Cano

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Sarah offered the invocation. Cheri moved to excuse absent members from the meeting. Todd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL OF – AUGUST 4, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the August 4, 2016 Regular Meeting were reviewed and Todd moved to approve the minutes as presented. Cheri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Sarah introduced Sally Masterson, who regularly follows the activities and events of the Arts Council. Sally attended the meeting to observe, she did not have any comments for the Council.

STATUS REPORT

Todd asked what the response was from the public in reference to the last Second Saturday event? Sarah Smithson stated that the venue and restaurant was packed full of people and it was most likely the biggest crowd that had ever attended Second Saturday since the event began.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

A. Discussion and possible action in reference to casting the roles for the Grease Sing-a-long.

The Recording Secretary stated that the auditions went well, and the amount of people that came to participate was sufficient to begin casting the roles. The Recording Secretary further informed the Council about several stand out performances and would like to entertain the possibility of having various cast members perform different roles that feature their talent. Cheri suggested that the Council members who were at the auditions should make the decision on who to cast for each specific role. The Council agreed that the casting of the roles should be done by those members that were at the auditions. The Recording Secretary stated that she will run all decisions by April Neill and Todd Roth, as they were the Council members that watched the performances during the auditions.

B. Further discussion in reference to beginning a poetry night for the public.

A short discussion took place in reference to having a poetry night and the positive response from the public. Sarah stated that since April brought up the idea to begin a poetry night, we should table the topic for a future meeting that April can attend. The agenda item will be moved to the September 15th meeting.

C. Further discussion in reference to hosting a Halloween/ Fall Festival for the community.

Sarah stated that the Catholic Church will be having a Halloween festival on the 29th of October, and we should not offer an event that will compete with their scheduled event/festival. A discussion took place in reference to various dates that the Arts Council could offer a Halloween event that wouldn't conflict with other events. A suggestion was made to have an event before Halloween to give the children a pumpkin pail with safety tips and a few Halloween items from the Arts Council. Sarah stated that the event could be called the Pre-Halloween Celebration, and would be promoted to the Community as a way to show the kid's costumes and receive a gift from the Arts Council. Todd stated that he liked the idea of giving a gift to the children of the Community and having each child receive something for their participation. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting in reference to setting a date and a price limit for the purchase of the gift that will be given to the participants.

D. Further discussion in reference to the Art Car Project.

Todd stated that the Council needs to get started with the planning of the project, because he has two individuals that are ready to begin the project with their cars. Todd further stated that once one car was completed then people will want to follow along with their Art Cars. Sarah stated that we need to find an artist that is willing to do the art on one of the two vehicles. The Recording Secretary stated that she will place an advertisement to try and find an artist for the project. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

The Recording Secretary informed the Council that she received an e-mail from Randy Barton, stating that he will be closing his Art Boutique in Winslow and start operating a business in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Randy will keep us informed of the time frames involved with the closer and if he will be moving away from Winslow.

Sarah provided information in reference to one of the stained glass windows at the Catholic Church, stating that it needs to be repaired. She would like to have the Council attempt to search for an artisan who might be able to repair the window. Todd stated that it should be relatively easy, as the internet can provide a wide selection of high end artists that could help restore the window. Sarah further stated that the church will pay for the

work being done on the window, but expressed the need for assistance with finding the right artist to complete the work. Todd inquired about the size and scale of the window, as the artists will need the information to be able provide an estimate. Sarah stated that she will provide pictures of the window and get some details of the size to help streamline the search.

ADJOURNMENT

Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. Sam seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Sarah Smithson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Roberta Cano - Recording Secretary